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CLAY FIRE

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FIRE + WIND = BAD DAY

After a cold, hard winter, most people are ready to get outside and start cleaning up their yards. Most of the time, this chore is pretty uneventful.

However, according to Clay Fire Marshal Dave Cherrone; "In unincorporated areas of St. Joseph County, over 100 times each year, more than 200 acres are destroyed due to illegal open burning."

"Open Burning" of brush, limbs and branches requires a Burning Permit issued by the St. Joseph County Health Department. The permits are free. The Burn Permit applications may be picked up at your local fire department. The process will take two to four days to receive an approved permit.

They are good for a two week period. But there are still guidelines that must be followed.

1. All fires must be extinguished by dusk. No all night smoldering.
2. Burn piles must not be larger than 3 feet high and 5 feet in diameter.
3. Burning must take place at least 25 feet away from other combustibles. (brush, buildings, wood piles, etc).
4. The fire must be attended at all times
5. Do not use flammable or combustible liquids to start the fire.
6. No stumps, grass clippings, leaves, construction materials or trash are to be burned with this permit.
7. The permit is for storm or yard clean-up and not for clearing of lots to build upon.

For more information contact your local fire department.



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